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More than 460,000 Businesses Expected to File Tax Returns in January

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29, 2006 — It's that time of year again. The Washington Department of Revenue is gearing up to accept more than 460,000 state tax returns in January.

January is the only month of the year when all businesses file returns, including about 208,000 annual and seasonal filers that file but once a year, 170,000 quarterly filers and 83,000 monthly filers. Altogether, they will remit well over \$1 billion in taxes, including sales taxes collected from customers.

The Department takes steps to accommodate the heavier workload and greater number of inquiries to both its field offices and its toll-free number, 1-800-647-7706. Staff resources are shifted to handle in-person visits and answer at least 80 percent of an expected 25,000 phone calls in one minute or less. Monthlies have to file returns by Jan. 25, while quarterlies and annuals have until Jan. 31.

The Department encourages businesses that aren't already filing electronically to consider switching from paper returns. Nearly a quarter of taxpayers now file their taxes electronically, reducing their chances of making an error. For information on E-file and other online services, please visit <https://fortress.wa.gov/dor/elf/FortressLogon/>. For additional information on filing returns, please visit <http://dor.wa.gov/content/forms/excise/>.

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